



H.Con.Res. 246 – Honoring the United States Marine Corps for serving and defending the United States on the anniversary of its founding on November 10, 1775.

Floor Situation

H.Con.Res. 246 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH) on November 6, 2007. It was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, but was not considered.

H.Con.Res. 246 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 17, 2007.

Summary

H.Con.Res. 246 resolves that Congress remembers, honors and commends the achievements of the United States Marine Corps in serving and defending the United States on the 232nd anniversary of the creation of the Marines.

Background

The United States Marine Corps was founded on November 10, 1775. Formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps began on November 10, 1921.

**Note: According to the United States Marine Corps History Division website, “At present, celebrations of the Marine Corps Birthday on 10 November differ at posts and stations throughout the Corps. All commemorations include the reading of Marine Corps Order No. 47, and the Commandant's message to those assembled. Most commands sponsor a Birthday Ball of some sort, complete with pageant and cake ceremony as prescribed in the Marine Corps Manual.”*

The Marine Corps has served in every American armed conflict, including the Civil War, and is the largest Marine force in the world.

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